

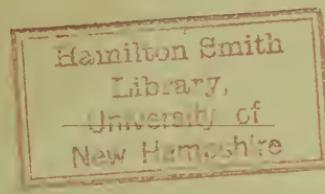
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RE'PORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.



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Report of Selectmen.

*The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 2, 1885,
as follows:*

By	tax list of 1884,	\$10,555.07
	Interest on the above,	19.05
	Cash borrowed of Mrs. Muzzey,	500.00
	Railroad tax,	302.54
	Savings bank tax,	1,861.07
	Literary Fund,	138.32
	County of Grafton support of paupers,	156.75
	Rent of Town Hall,	19.50
	Town of New Hampton repairs on toll bridge,	169.39
	License on billiard tables,	14.00
	B. M. Ames account, stone wall,	8.98
	Witness fees returned,	7.25
	Cash in Treasury for 1883,	1,250.82
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		\$15,002.74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$1,344.00
County tax,	1,351.26
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	\$2,695.26

School money for 1884.

Dist. No. 1, Paid Isaac Ballou,	\$37.59
" 2, " K. E. Dearborn,	1.375.00
" 2, " Ira A. Chase,	100.00
" 3, " O. P. Hall,	41.60
" 4, " H. N. Emmons,	24.62
" 5, " A. J. Ferrin,	33.36
" 6, " O. J. Mussey,	43.92
" 7, " Benj. Gray,	7.00
" 8, " E. T. Pike,	64.13
" 9, " N. T. Chase,	46.22
	—————
	\$1,773.44

County Pauper Bills.

Mrs. PETTEE GALE.

April 29, Paid S. F. Sanborn board and nursing,	\$6.00
Aug. 30, " " "	12.75
Nov. 29, " " "	9.75
Feb. 21, " " "	3.00
" " Coffin and box,	12.00
	—————
	\$43.50

BETSY LADD.

May 12, Paid G. L. Tilton, for board,	\$9.00
July 26, " " "	12.00
Oct. 30, " " "	14.00
Jan. 31, " " " and medicine,	17.10
	—————
	\$52.10

BENJ. EVANS.

Nov. 29, Paid C. Boardman, for wood,	\$4.50
Dec. 6, " C. Taylor, goods,	2.39
Jan. 14, " Fred Flanders, for wood,	4.50
Feb. 6, " John Heath, "	4.93
" 20, " Crosby & Co., "	3.00
" 21, " C. Taylor, for goods,	12.86
" 21, " J. C. Wheet med. attendance,	13.50
	—————
	\$45.68

E. D. GLINES.

Nov. 29,	Paid John C. Wheet, med. attendance and setting bones,	\$43.50
" "	H. B. Fowler, setting bones,	5.00
Feb. 26,	" J. W. Preston, medicines,	4.55
		— \$53.05

FRANK KENNEDY.

Nov. 29,	Paid C. Boardman, for goods,	\$2.00
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Mrs. J. H. COLBY.

Jan. 31,	Paid D. J. Hunt, sawing wood,	\$2.50
Feb. 20,	" C. Boardman for goods,	3.95
" "	Dickinson & Horner, for wood,	5.50
Feb. 21,	" D. J. Hunt, sawing wood,	2.50
" "	C. Taylor, for goods,	4.21
		— \$18.66

MOSES KIMBALL.

Feb. 20,	Paid Dickinson & Horner, for goods,	\$1.50
" 21,	" J. C. Wheet, med. attendance,	8.25
" 24,	" S. P. Kirk, board, care and nursing,	18.25
		— \$28.00

WILL DYSERT.

Feb. 20,	Paid J. M. Mason, board,	\$11.50
" "	Dickinson & Horner, for goods,	14.10
		— \$25.60

Miss WISER.

Feb. 19,	Paid W. Heath, carrying home,	\$2.00
" 27,	" Mrs. George Alden care and board,	1.50
		— \$3.50
		— \$272.09

TOWN PAUPERS.

Mrs. SHERBURN WELLS.

April 17,	Paid G. D. Sanborn, for wood,	\$6.50
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Dec.	6,	"	C. Taylor for goods \$4.52 and wood \$3.00,	\$7.52
Jan.	14,	"	Fred Flanders, for wood,	4.50
Feb.	6,	"	J. C. Heath. "	3.78
"	21,	"	Zera Tilton, milk,	3.75
"	21,	"	C. Taylor, goods,	7.79
"	23,	"	C. H. Dickinson, for wood,	2.00
"	27,	"	J. R. Connor, for sawing and fitting wood,	3.00
				----- \$38.84

Mrs. CYRUS BENNETT.

Nov. 29,	Paid J. W. Sanborn,	\$43.75
		----- \$82.59

Highways and Bridges.**ELIJAH SANBORN'S DISTRICT.**

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$40.63
Nov. 29, E. Sanborn,	34.19
Feb. 23, " "	13.00
	----- \$87.82

ALBERT BLAKE'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$193.42
Apr. 16, T. J. Adams,	2.63
" 21, G. L. Tilton,	19.00
July 26, W. F. Randolph,	9.95
Oct. 25, A. Blake and help employed,	90.00
Nov. 29, " " "	50.00
Dec. 27, J. W. Sanborn,	15.27
" " J. A. Haynes,	.50
Feb. 21, A. Blake and help employed,	26.87
" " G. L. Tilton,	21.75
	----- \$429.39

J. R. CONNOR'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	303.45
Apr. 21, G. L. Tilton,	10.20
" 26, M. F. Wilbur's bill to date,	77.43

June 21, J. R. Connor and help employed,	\$60.92
Sept. 13, E. G. Stevens,	23.62
Nov. 29, W. W. Wilbur,	12.07
" J. R. Connor and help employed, .	82.38
Dec. 19, J. W. Wells,	23.17
" 27, J. A. Haynes' bill,	4.00
Jan. 3, G. D. Sanborn,	1 36
" 31, S. S. Sanborn,	6.75
Feb. 20, S. N. Colby,	1.56
" 21, J. W. Wilbur,	32.65
" " G. L. Tilton,	31.97
" 23, J. R. Connor and help employed,	3.44
	———— \$674.97

JOHN W. WELLS' DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts.	\$75.03
Apr. 21, G. L. Tilton,	4.25
June 21, J. W. Wells and help employed,	30.75
" 28, W. W. Wilbur,	10.87
Aug. 30, J. W. Wells,	80.00
Dec. 19, " "	17.33
Feb. 21, " "	25.65
" G. L. Tilton,	3.00
	———— \$246.88

S. H. CROSS' DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	231.48
Apr. 21, G. L. Tilton,	10.00
May 31, Jacob Cass,	9 20
June 21, S. H. Cross and help employed,	34.50
" 28, Hiram Severance,	19.25
Aug. 30, S. H. Cross and help employed,	62.12
Sept. 12, M. A. Emmons,	6.56
" 19, C. R. Keezer,	28.37
Oct. 4, S. H. Cross and help employed,	46.02
" 25, " "	8.59
Nov. 5, Frank Keezer,	8.75
" 29, S. H. Cross,	59.41
Jan. 31, Seavey & Co., hardware,	4 50

Feb. 19, S. H. Cross,	\$14.25
" 21, Chas. Kidder,	1.37
" " G. L. Tilton,	8.00
	— \$552.37

MILO FELLOWS' DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$61.35
Apr. 16, Solon Dolloff,	11.00
June 28, Milo Fellows,	18.70
Feb. 21, Solon Dolloff,	6.25
	— \$97.30

OTIS DAMON'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$44.31
Apr. 26, Otis Damon,	21.60
Nov. 29, "	1.75
Feb. 20, " breaking roads,	25.27
	— \$92.93

J. M. R. EMMONS' DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$53.73
Apr. 26, J. M. R. Emmons,	20.07
" C. G. Dow,	1.31
Nov. 29, J. M. R. Emmons,	7.86
Feb. 20, " "	14.27
	— \$97.24

JOHN ROBY'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$45.59
May 7, John Roby,	10.51
" 31, A. J. Ferrin and help employed,	15.05
Feb. 21, S. W. Sweat,	5.37
" 23, A. J. Ferrin and help employed,	19.71
	— \$96.23

A. J. FERRIN'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$11.92
May 31, A. J. Ferrin,	6.37
Feb. 23, " " breaking roads,	5.86
	— \$24.15

D. Y. EMMON'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$24.98
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May 31, S. K. Worthen,	\$6.75
June 28, D. Y. Emmons,	3.25
Feb. 20, " "	13.33
	— \$48.31

FRED K. KIDDER'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$29.69
Apr. 26, Fred K. Kidder,	16.09
Nov. 29, " "	2.81
Feb. 20, " "	9.37
	— \$57.96

OTIS SANBORN'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$17.09
Apr. 29, Samuel Muzzey,	7.37
Feb. 20, " "	9.19
" 21, O. Sanborn,	14.35
	— 48.00

THOS. WICOM'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$7.11
June 28, T. Wicom,	6.10
Aug. 20, " "	2.01
Feb. 20, " "	7.40
	— \$22.62

BENJ. GRAY'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	17.91
Apr. 26, H. C. Homans,	22.72
Feb. 20, B. Gray,	15.25
	— \$55.88

AHIRA BARNEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$90.14
Apr. 21, C. N. Drake,	4.00
" S. S. Fellows,	1.97
Apr. 26, C. N. Drake,	3.75
" A. C. Hastings,	8.89
" S. S. Brown,	2.22
June 28, E. T. Pike,	4.35
July 26, A. Barney,	30.15
Jan. 19, "	6.45

Feb. 20, E. T. Pike,	\$2 15
“ D. H. Sleeper,	18.58
	— \$172.75

J. M. SLEEPER'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$69.43
Aug. 30, J. M. Sleeper,	6.90
Dec. 27, “ “ labor and lumber,	4.95
Feb. 21, “ “ breaking roads,	5.43
	— \$86.71

CALVIN MUDGETT'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$29.38
June 28, Phil Adams,	2.68
Feb. 21, C. Mudgett,	8.62
“ C. S. Flanders,	7.52
	— \$48.20

C. A. GALE'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$23.02
June 28, C. A. Gale,	6.20
Feb. 21, “ “	2.00
	— \$31.22

J. W. BURLEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$34 23
June 28, A. C. Gordon,	14.30
Dec. 13, J. W. Burley,	8.44
Feb. 20, “ “	13.30
	— \$70.27

ELBRIDGE TILTON'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$17.16
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FAVOR LOCKE'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	\$8.27
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	\$3,066.63

Miscellaneous Highways and Bridges.

April 10, Paid Thompson & Bethune, sewer pipe,	\$51.75
May 31, “ J. W. Saunders, for lumber,	45.00
June 21, “ Thompson & Bethune, sewer pipe,	57.20
28, “ D. S. Fowler, labor and lumber,	11.99

July	1,	Paid T. R. Emmons, damage crossing land,	\$3.00
	26,	" J. W. Saunders, lumber.	9.63
	26,	" S. S. Patten, "	8.80
	26,	" G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber,	10.90
Aug	9,	" S. A. Howard, for concreting,	158.50
	29,	" A. B. Crosby, for lumber,	46.81
Sept.	3,	" J. P. Martin, "	71.87
	12,	" Thompson & Bethune, sewer pipe,	53.36
Oct.	14,	" N. W. Morse, labor on old toll bridge,	40.12
	18,	" Moses Emmons, " "	9.00
	30,	" J. R. Connor, labor and material on old toll bridge,	217.78
	30,	" R. M. Mason, labor in 1883.	8.00
	30,	" Milo Fellows, labor on Danforth bridge,	12.75
Nov.	29,	" A. K. Peasley, for watering tub March 1, 1885,	3.00
	"	" Orig Nelson, " "	3.00
	"	" Calvin Martin, for building stone culvert,	12.50
Dec.	6,	" C. Taylor, for spikes and cement,	25.30
	16,	" Thompson & Bethune, sewer pipe,	49.12
	20,	" C. A. Pearson, work and iron,	15.13
	27,	" E. M. Drake, lumber,	12.38
	27,	" S. H. Cross, repairs on New Hampton bridge,	36.69
	27,	" G. L. Tilton, brick,	15.80
Jan.	3,	" E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge,	24.00
Feb.	20,	" E. D. Crosby & Co., lumber,	44.40
	"	" J. M. Flanders, jr., repairs on N. H. bridge,	39.00
	"	" W. W. Wilbur, snowing bridge,	5.00
	21,	" S. S. Brown, lumber and labor,	5.00
	"	" T. H. Daniels, labor,	6.74
	"	" G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber and stone,	7.85
	"	" B. F. Perkins, sewer pipe and brick,	10.41
	"	" E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge and fixtures furnished,	11.35
	"	" B. M. Ames, labor on highway,	3.98
	26,	" J. N. Dickinson, "	.59

Feb. 26.	Paid Sam'l Follansbee, damage crossing land,	\$3 00
" "	S. H. Tilton, watering tub,	3.00
" "	O. K. Bucklin, "	2.00
" "	R. S. Hastings, labor,	2.50
" "	A. Buxton, for iron and blacksmithing,	4.82
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		\$1,163.02

Miscellaneous Bills.

Mar. 4,	Paid for auditing reports 1883,	\$4.00
15,	M. F. Wilbur, for subpoenaing witnesses in liquor case,	53.34
26,	R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	35.00
" "	G. H. H. Silsby, stationery,	12.97
April 10,	M. B. Patten, sheep killed by dogs,	4.00
May 7,	Ira A. Chase, books for poor children,	1.43
14,	M. F. Wilbur, 100 cedar posts,	18.25
June 19,	C. N. Drake, expenses Memorial Day,	49.25
28,	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	8.80
Oct. 4,	A. P. Carpenter, counsel fees to Nov. 8, 1881,	38.00
Dec. 6,	F. H. Bartlett, admr., 98 cedar posts,	16.66
8,	Abigail Muzzey, note and interest,	513.15
27,	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	11.50
Jan. 3,	S. H. Dodge, for bell,	250.00
5,	J. H. Brown, expenses Sprague case,	300.00
10,	G. H. Calley, recording births and deaths,	4.50
14,	Fred Flanders, wood for hall and li- brary,	9.00
31,	C. A. Gale, sheep killed by dogs,	15.75
" "	S. K. Worthen, "	3.00
Feb. 2,	I. A. Chase, insurance,	50.00
6,	J. C. Heath, wood for library,	4.30
19,	S. H. Cross, sheep killed by dogs,	9.00
20,	J. H. Brown, expense in Sprague case,	100.00
" "	E. A. Colby, painting guide boards,	8.00
" "	F. W. Bingham, funnel for town hall,	7.59
" "	C. H. Calley, recording births, deaths and marriages,	11.85

Feb. 20,	Paid C. H. Calley, burial certificates,	\$7.50
" "	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	2.00
" "	E. T. Pike, sheep killed by dogs,	24.00
" "	Fling & Chase, counsel,	25.00
" "	Frank Bingham, care of town clock,	12.00
" "	J. M. Bishop, return deaths and births,	1.25
21,	E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge,	6.00
" "	Albro Wells, sign boards, etc.,	2.10
" "	C. Taylor, wood for library, \$7.23, locks and hinges town clock, 50c,	7.73
23,	J. R. Connor, repairing town clock,	2.83
27,	J. R. Connor, for teams and incidental expenses,	4.00
" "	A. J. Ferrin, " "	10.00
" "	stationery and digging grave,	2.01
" "	S. H. Cross, for team and incidentals,	9.00
" "	C. H. Tukey, damage by water,	5.00
28,	I. A. Chase, expenses to Concord for R. R. and Bank tax,	3.00
" "	J. H. Brown, in full to date as agent in case of Sprague v. Bristol, for cash paid as per bill of items, including all bills the town is liable to pay in the case except amount now due Fling & Chase and Judge W. S. Ladd,	48.82
" "	G. L. Tilton, ministerial fund,	6.00
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		\$1,717.58

Bounties on Woodchucks.

Jan. 31,	A. J. Ferrin,	\$17.30
	J. R. Connor,	29.30
	S. H. Cross,	9.80
	—	\$56.40

Street Lamps.

Mar. 29,	A. M. Page,	\$19.17
Apr. 26,	" "	19.17
July 5,	G. D. Sanborn,	38.33
Oct. 18,	F. W. Bingham, lamps and fixtures,	23.50

Oct. 23, J. C. Page,	\$20.00
Nov.19, G. D. Sanborn,	31.76
“ 29, C. Boardman, oil and wicks,	4.27
Dec. 3, Jamin Ballou,	18.33
“ 6, C. Taylor, oil, globes, &c.,	9.13
“ 27, J. A. Haynes,	4.50
Feb. 2, Jamin Ballou,	32.11
“ 20, Fred W. Bingham, lamp fixtures,	1.20
“ “ E. M. Eastman, lighting 1 lamp 2 months,	1.66
“ “ A. B. Gale, lighting lamps,	12.00
“ “ C. Boardman, oil,	5.33
“ 21, E. M. Eastman, lighting lamp 10 months,	8.33
“ “ C. Taylor, oil, globes and fixtures,	7.65
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	\$256.44

Town Officers' Bills.

Ira A. Chase, Treasurer,	\$40.00
G. H. Calley, Board of Health,	7.00
B. Q. Fellows, “	7.00
J. M. Bishop, “	5.00
“ S. S. Committee,	40.00
C. H. Calley, Town Clerk,	40.00
C. S. Flanders, Collector,	140.00
John W. Wells, Police,	15.00
Albro Wells, “	7.50
C. R. Keyser, “	7.50
C. N. Merrill, “	4 00
A. J. Ferriu, Selectman,	132 00
J. R. Connor, “	127.00
S. H. Cross, “	122 00
R. A. Horner, Supervisor 2 years,	16.00
C. H. Calley, “	15.00
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	\$715.00

Abatements.

Orin Blackstone, left town,	\$1.90
C. H. Blackstone, “	1.90
W. A. Beckford, pensioner,	1.90

C. S. Brown, pensioner,	\$1.90
Anson Buxton, "	1.90
Romanzo G. Brown, left town,	1.90
Fred Chase, left town,	1.90
J. W. Dodge, over tax,	.50
Arial Dickinson, poverty,	5.70
C. H. Draper, left town,	7.40
Benj. Evans,	1.00
Herbert Flanders, not 21,	1.90
E. D. Glines,	1.40
E. D. Glines, jr.,	1.40
W. C. Hubbard, left town,	1.90
Frank Kennedy, "	1.90
W. F. Locke, "	1.90
G. W. Piper, "	1.90
Fred Quimby, no road,	2.62
F. W. Dimond, "	.80
M. J. Silver, "	.50
Levi Roby, over 70,	1.90
Wm. Sheean, tax in Concord,	1.90
G. D. Sanborn, pensioner,	1.90
John Taylor, poverty,	1.90
Samuel H. Tilton, dead,	2.63
Isreal Tukey,	1.90
Lyman Wells, paid in New Hampton,	1.90
Mrs. Sherburn Wells, poverty,	4.76
G. M. Wooster, left town,	1.90
Jerome Wells, "	2.80
John H. Colby, poverty,	4.91
H. A. Gould, left town,	1.67
A. C. Gordon, paid in New Hampton,	1.67
W. W. Williams, paid in Concord,	1.67
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	\$77.53

Paid Bonds and Interest,	\$1,798.00
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RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,	\$15.00 2.74
Paid State tax,	\$1,344.00
County tax,	1,351.26
School tax,	\$1,773.44
County paupers,	272.09
Town "	82.59
Highways and bridges,	3,066.63
Miscellaneous highways and bridges, 1,163.02	
" bills,	1,717.58
Bounties on woodchucks,	56.40
Street lamps,	256.44
Town officers,	715.00
Abatements,	77.53
Bonds and interest,	1,798.00
In Treasurer's hands,	1,328.76
	<hr/> \$15,002.74

Due on Bonds March 1, 1885.

Belinda Cass, heirs,	\$800.00
David Mason,	1,000.00
Amanda Stearns,	500.00
R. S. Danforth,	800.00
N. W. Cass,	100.00
A. J. Smith, heirs,	300.00
Abbie S. White,	700.00
C. N. Merrill,	200.00
May C. Mudgett,	400.00
Sarah Cheney,	200.00
Wm. G. Kelley,	200.00
Daniel Kelley,	200.00
Interest to March 1, 1885,	198.00
	<hr/> \$5,598.00

Amount the Town Owes.

Bonds and interest to March 1, 1885,	\$5,598.00
Due School Dist. No. 2,	250.23
" " 7,	6.70
Precinct,	200.00
	————
	\$6,054.93

Due the Town.

In hands of Treasurer,	\$1,328.76
From State for bounties paid,	56.40
" County for support of paupers,	115.24
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	\$1,500.40
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Actual debt,	\$4,554.53
Paid on debt,	\$1,322.40

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FERRIN, } *Selectmen*
 J. R. CONNOR, } *of*
 S. H. CROSS, } *Bristol.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

B. F. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*
 B. M. AMES, }

R E P O R T
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with the law of the state your committee submits the following as his report of the public schools of your town:—

It is very gratifying to be able to report progress, and general prosperity of our schools. The districts have been supplied with competent teachers, who exhibited a good degree of interest in their work, and the scholars reciprocated their efforts by manifesting a proportionate degree of interest in their studies. Good discipline has been maintained in the schools; and harmony between teachers, scholars and parents, as far as my knowledge extends, has existed. Your committee has endeavored to faithfully discharge the duties imposed upon him. He has twice visited each term of school except in one district (which is referred to in the report of that school) and has rendered such assistance in classifying the schools, and has given such counsel to teachers and scholars as to him seemed necessary.

The town raised by taxation the sum of \$1,173.35 for school purposes, received from state as literary fund, \$107.10 and the districts raised in addition to this the sum of \$254; making the whole amount appropriated for school purposes \$1,534.45

The whole number of scholars attending school for two weeks or more was 253. The average daily attendance was 176. The average amount paid teachers per month including board was \$24.20. The average sum expended for each scholar was \$6.06. The largest amount expended for one scholar was \$12.31.

It is the opinion of your committee that the school money has been as judiciously and economically expended as the present condition of the districts would admit. No doubt could two or more of the smaller districts be united in one and thereby lengthen the schools, beneficial results might be received, but whether this can satisfactorily be done, is a subject for the town and districts to determine.

DISTRICT No. 1.

This district has had two successful terms of school, a summer and a fall term; both taught by Miss MAUD M. KNOX. The whole number of scholars was twelve, six of whom reside in the town of Hill. The union, of the once two districts, appears to be working harmoniously, and will, we believe, prove advantageous to all concerned. Miss Knox had had some experience previous to commencing this school, which is no small help to a teacher's success. The school was visited by the committee near the beginning and close of each term. During these visits the school gave evidence of good management. It was very quiet and orderly. The pupils made commendable progress in the various branches pursued. (For more items see table.)

DISTRICT No. 2.

See Graded School.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Has had a fall term of fourteen weeks, taught by Miss SUSIE M. FLANDERS, of Canaan. This was Miss Flanders' first at-

tempt at teaching. She was energetic in her efforts, and proved quite successful in her labors. She was a good scholar and thoroughly qualified for her work. If the scholars were as much interested for themselves as she appeared to be for them, we think it must have been a profitable term. It, however, was a little too long. Scholars confined to their books and the school-room for so long a time are very likely to get tired, and lose their interest in a measure. A short vacation near the middle of the term in such cases would perhaps be advisable. A term of ten or twelve weeks, at the longest, is about the right length to be the most profitable.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Has had a fall term of six weeks, taught by **Mrs. ELLA HEATH.** This school had only two scholars. Notwithstanding the very small amount of school privileges this district has, we will venture the assertion, that these two scholars will compare favorably in their scholarship with those in town of their age who have far greater school opportunities. It was interesting to witness with what promptitude, correctness and apparent understanding they gave their answers when questioned in the branches they had studied during the term. It is very desirable that our scholars may be so perfect in their studies as to be able to give intelligent answers when questioned concerning them. The special object of every teacher should be to see how well their pupils may understand their studies, rather than how much surface they may be able to pass over.

DISTRICT No. 5.

In this district a summer term of nine weeks was taught by **Miss LIZZIE MESERVEY,** of New Hampton. For want of a suitable school-house, the school was very conveniently accommodated in a private dwelling. Miss Meservay proved a very acceptable teacher. The committee was well pleased with the general appearance and progress of this school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Had a fall term of thirteen weeks, taught by **Miss KATE CHILD,** of New Hampton. The committee visited the school near the beginning of the term, was well pleased with its ap-

pearance, and was very favorably impressed with the manner and interest with which the teacher conducted her reading classes. We expected to see good results from such efforts, and was not disappointed. At the close of the term we noticed marked improvement in the reading of her scholars. Her criticisms were well calculated to enable the pupil to clearly comprehend the idea of the author. More attention should be given to reading in our schools. The other branches were not neglected. The term was lengthened by private subscription.

DISTRICT No. 7.

In this district the term was commenced by an experienced teacher, Mrs. ADDIE A. EMERY. When visited by the committee the school appeared pleasant and prosperous. But unfortunately on account of sickness of Mrs. Emery, the term was brought to a close at the end of two weeks. Here ended the school for the year.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This district has had a spring term of seven weeks, taught by Mrs. ADDIE A. EMERY, and a fall term of seven weeks taught by Miss DELLA TILTON. Judging from the appearance of this school at the commencement of the terms, we have good reasons to believe they were successful, and we have learned nothing since to the contrary, but from some misunderstanding the committee was not notified of the time of their closing, consequently he did not visit the school at the close. Therefore he is unable to give so full a report of it as desirable.

DISTRICT No. 9.

A term of fourteen weeks was taught in this district by Miss LILLA A. NELSON. Notwithstanding the length of the term, the teacher and scholars managed to keep up a good interest till its close. The discipline was good. The classes in arithmetic, geography and grammar made good advancement. The classes in reading gave evidence of good instruction and improvement. We think it was a profitable term of school.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Luey L. Dolloff, Addie Sanborn, Eddie Littlefield, Georgie Waldron, Dina Daniels.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Irving W. Bartlett, Ria Emmons.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Almer Homans, Lorin Homans, Daniel Gray, Nettie Hanscom.

DISTRICT No. 8.—1st Term—Frank Houghton, Edna Houghton. 2d Term—Frank Houghton, Andrew Swett, Harry Pike, Minnie Drake, Edna Houghton.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Gennie B. Gray, Albert Adams.

UNION DISTRICT NO. 2.—GRADED SCHOOL.

During the past year the school has had the usual thirty weeks' session. The corps of teachers has been the same as last year, the high school excepted. We take pride in the general good work which has been done. If we say that the standard of excellence of previous years has been fully maintained, we do not think we are unduly boastful. We wish to commend our teachers for their faithfulness. Of course, as usual, they have labored with varying degrees of success. But whatever their imperfections, lack of faithfulness and devotion to their work have not been of them.

Teachers, like poets, are born, not made. That is to say, without a good degree of natural adaptation to their work, the most elaborate training will fail of its end. The advancing civilization of our day is giving greater prominence than ever to the ability to impart instruction. To do this well, the mind of the teacher should be well in advance of the mind of the pupil. We are not to be satisfied with mere accuracy of scholarship, but we want that wisdom in our teachers which comes from high generalization. In our view the word "teacher" is one of broad meaning. Text-books, however carefully graded, are of comparatively little value unless skillfully used.

May we venture a suggestion to parents which regard to a duty which too many of them neglect? They would doubtless resent the imputation, that they feel no interest in the education of their children; yet why do they so seldom manifest this interest by visiting the school? The number of families sending children to the graded school is 115. The number of parents who have visited the school during the past year examination days included, is 25. We present these figures without extended comment. We hope they will serve to direct attention to this much neglected duty. The work of the school room is largely of a routine character. The presence of parents and friends is a stimulus, often putting new life into the work, and hence increasing its value.

We have been profoundly impressed from time to time with the importance of the work in which we, and especially our teachers, have been engaged. The proper development and training of young minds is not a matter upon which a good citizen can look with unconcern. The work, though largely secular has its vital moral aspects. We are well aware that our schools are not established to teach matters of religion; we confidently leave that duty to the church and the Sunday-school. But the principles of common morality underlie all true character and all good citizenship. In the inculcation of honesty, purity, truthfulness, courtesy, cleanliness, industry, and in checking tendencies to the opposite of these, a great work is laid upon our teach-

ers. May they continue to perform it well, realizing its vital importance more and more. And may we continue to see evidences of the fact that our schools are giving us virtuous as well an intelligent citizens.

L. W. FLING,
M. H. FLING,
IRA A. CHASE,
LAURA A. BERRY,
H. G. PILLSBURY,

Board

of

Education.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

NOTE.—No statistical report from Union Dist. No. 2. Whole number of scholars reported in town by selectmen, boys 106, girls 91.

Treasurer's Report

UNION DISTRICT NO. 2.

MONEY RECEIVED.

School money required by law,	\$975.00
Raised by vote for support of schools,	250.00
" " repairs and pay on debt of the	
District,	500.00
Received tuition, William C. Kelley,	\$2.70
" Ara Martin,	2.75
" Solon Dolloff,	2.70
" Herbert Brailey,	2.70
" Ara Martin,	.60
" K. S. Bullock,	5.00
" E. T. Pike,	2.70
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	19.15
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	\$1,744.15

PAID OUT.

Paid Outstanding bills :

G. Boardman, filing saws,	\$.40
R. W. Musgrove, printing Treasurer's report for	
1883,	3.00
Dickinson & Horner, for wood,	70.00
G. L. Tilton, grading, etc., in 1883,	6.10
Frank Bingham, covering brushes in 1883,	.75
B. L. Wells, work on school-house in 1883,	1.35
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	\$81.60

Support of Schools.

Paid Clara M. Smith, teaching 3 weeks at \$12 per week,	\$360.00
E. Belle Calley, teaching 30 weeks at \$8.50 per week,	255.00
Mary M. Cass, teaching 30 weeks, at \$7.50 per week,	225.00
E. A. Nelson, teaching 30 weeks at \$7 and \$7.50 per week,	219.00
Maud Gordon, teaching 9 weeks at \$2.50 per week,	22.50
John Kidder, care of school-house,	41.02
C. H. Whitton & Co., crayons, books, &c.,	5.93
Chas. Boardman, "	1.00
K. E. Dearborn, 16 cords of wood,	56.00
Jamin Ballou, working up wood, etc.,	7.05
Dearborn & Chase, insurance premiums,	43.50
L. W. Fling, getting wood sawed,	6.50
Set of charts,	10.00
Jamin Ballou, picking up shingles,	1.15
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	\$1,253.55

Repairs.

Paid C. H. Hadley, setting glass,	\$.60
John H. Kidder, cleaning school house,	13.00
Mrs. Berry, books for teacher,	5.00
Receipt book,	.35
Jamin Ballou, shingling on school house,	17.00
Quint & Simonds, painting, material, etc., on school house.	28.90
Burt Webber, repair on seats,	1.50
Burt Cate, for glass, etc.,	1.13
Taylor & Merrill, for shingles,	29.68
Taylor & Gordon, repairs on school house,	3.40
I. A. Chase, repairs on blackboard,	3.85
B. L. Wells, boards, etc.,	2.37

Paid G. L. Tilton, grading, etc., in school yard,	\$15.50
C. H. Kidder, work in " "	5.40
E. M. Drake, for boards,	5.50
F. W. Bingham, repairs,	6.00
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	\$138.93

Balance unexpended, \$270.07

Recapitulation.

Total received,	\$1,744.15
Paid out.	
Outstanding bills,	\$81.60
Support of schools,	\$1,253.55
Repairs,	138.93
Balance unexpended,	270.07
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	\$1,744.15

K. E. DEARBORN, *Treasurer.*

ADDENDUM:—

The name of K. E. Dearborn should have appeared among the signers of the report of Union School District as one of the Board of Education.

